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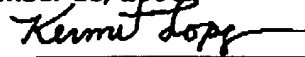
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In response to the Office Action dated October 25, 2006 in the above captioned matter, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to claims begin on Page 2 of this Paper.

Remarks begin on Page 8 of this Paper.